

CURRICULUM

PHCNP CERTIFICATE ONLY (OPTION I)

Guidance from expert faculty will enhance the nurse practitioner students' capacity to contribute to knowledge development through the identification of critical questions. Evidence based practice principles are incorporated throughout each course to assess, diagnose, and manage health issues appropriate to the population served. The PHCNP courses are taught by faculty in the COUPN consortium who possess the expert knowledge to teach the courses relevant to the Nurse Practitioner - Primary Health Care professional area.

The clinical practicum component of the PHCNP courses provides opportunities for the application of advanced nursing practice, and related theories and research to varied health issues and client needs. Throughout the program, students use a variety of learning modalities that strongly promote the integration of theory, practice, and self-direction as essential elements in the professional role of the nurse practitioner.

Students will apply legislative regulations and ethical models to a variety of simulated and actual practice situations through assignments, seminar discussions, and clinical practice situations. These include, but are not limited to consultation, prescriptive authority, the ordering of laboratory and diagnostic tests and the certification of death. Effective strategies to influence health and social policy will be incorporated into discussion and assignments throughout the program.

Candidates have the option of applying to either the full-time or the part-time program plan. To successfully complete the certificate in PHCNP on either a part-time or full-time basis, the requirements that must be fulfilled are seven PHCNP courses. Five of the seven PHCNP courses are one semester courses and two are taken over two terms. Course requirements, assignments and methods of evaluation vary by course but may include scholarly papers, seminars presentations, performance demonstrations and/or examinations or evaluations by self, peers or others.

MASTER OF NURSING DEGREE AND PHCNP CERTIFICATE (OPTION II)

To successfully complete the combined Master of Nursing degree and certificate in PHCNP, the requirements that must be fulfilled are four one-term MN courses and seven PHCNP courses. Five of the seven PHCNP courses are one semester courses and two are taken over two terms. The 4 Master of Nursing courses address theoretical issues and research skills. All of the MN courses meet for 36 hours per semester, except the Major Research Paper. Course requirements, assignments and methods of evaluation vary by course but may include scholarly papers, seminars presentations, performance demonstrations and/or examinations or evaluations by self, peers or others. Students receive letter grades in all eleven courses.

The MN courses are taught by tenured stream faculty who are cross appointed to Ryerson's School of Graduate Studies. The PHCNP courses are taught by faculty in the COUPN consortium who possess the expert knowledge to teach the courses relevant to the Nurse Practitioner - Primary Health Care professional area.

The clinical practicum component of the PHCNP courses provides opportunities for the application of advanced nursing practice, and related theories and research to varied health issues and client needs. Throughout the certificate courses, students use a variety of learning modalities that strongly promote the integration of theory, practice, and self-direction as essential elements in the professional role of the nurse practitioner.

Guidance from expert faculty will enhance the nurse practitioner students' capacity to contribute to knowledge development through the identification of critical questions. Evidence based practice principles are incorporated throughout each course to assess, diagnose, and manage health issues appropriate to the population served.

Students will have the opportunity to share their different experiences and backgrounds, as well as the diverse client situations they encounter in the clinical settings. The students will apply legislative regulations and ethical models to a variety of simulated and actual practice situations through assignments, seminar discussions, and clinical practice situations. These include, but are not limited to consultation, prescriptive authority, the ordering of laboratory and diagnostic tests and the certification of death. Effective strategies to influence health and social policy will be incorporated into discussion and assignments throughout the program.

To complete the combined MN degree and certificate in PHCNP, students have the option of choosing a either a full-time or a part-time program plan.